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ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

NEWS FROM THE SOUL OF SUNDAY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11TH, 2008

Today's Events

Coffee Hour

Immediately following the service in the Parish Hall

Gather with Arlington Street Church's congregation in this lively and social environment. To find the Parish Hall, head downstairs at the rear of the sanctuary. All are welcome.

Women's Spirituality Group

Today, 12:15 PM, in the Clarke Room

We're forming a Women's Spirituality Group at Arlington Street Church. Our first meeting will be an informational session to determine the group's purpose, meeting dates/times, and to brainstorm and gather ideas for topics to explore together in the next six months. Come and contemplate the spiritual side of life as well as gain opportunities to connect with other women. If you are interested in the group but can't make the first meeting, please contact Susan Thomas by e-mail at SThomas@ASCBoston.org or by phone at 617-536-7050, ext. 13.

Global Poverty Study Group

Today, 5:00 PM, in the Parish Hall

Would you like to participate in a Global Poverty Study Group with the potential to take action, as well? Organized by Dr. Jonathan Fine, co-founder of Physicians for Social Responsibility, this group will meet bi-monthly and talk about issues important for the health and welfare of the planet. Today's meeting is on Bednets in Malaria Prevention, led by Dr. David Hamer of the Boston University School of Public health.

Contact Doug Fiero through the Church office for more information 617-536-7050 or Office@ASCBoston.org.

Children's Religious Education

This morning the Arlington Street Church Chalice Children (preschool to second grade) will begin to learn a new song about our Unitarian Universalist principles, with religious educator, Erick DuPree.

The Explorers (third grade and above) will examine the fourth principle of Unitarian Universalism, "a free and responsible search for truth and meaning," with interim assistant minister, Dan Kane.

The children will recess to the Hunnewell Chapel for children's worship during the opening hymn. All are welcome in both classes.

Music at Arlington Street Church

Bach Solo Cello Suites

Guy Fishman, Artist in Residence

Sunday, January 18th, 11:00 AM, in the Sanctuary

Cellist Guy Fishman is Arlington Street's newest addition to our thriving Artist in Residence program! Over the next two years, Guy's residency will feature performances of all six of J. S. Bach's solo cello suites. The first installment is next Sunday, January 18th. The music will be interwoven throughout the 11:00 am morning worship service.

Soprano Ariana Valdes in Recital

Tuesday, January 20th, 8:00 PM, at The Boston Conservatory

Suelly Hall (4th Floor), 8 The Fenway, Boston

Join Arlington Street Church Choir's own alto section leader as she presents her Senior Recital! Accompanied by Michael Strauss on the piano, Ariana will perform works by Mozart, Brahms, Purcell, Debussy, and Granados.

Congregational Announcements

Buddha's Belly Reading Group

Tuesday, January 13th, 6:00 PM, in the Hunnewell Chapel

Buddha's Belly is a Buddhist book discussion group. All are welcome; no knowledge of Buddhism required. Starting January 13th, the group will be reading "The Wise Heart" by Jack Kornfield. If possible, obtain a book and read the Introduction and Chapter 1, pages 1 – 21, prior to the meeting. The book is available online and may be available in local bookstores and libraries. If the cost is prohibitive for you, please see Rev. Kim for information about scholarships.

Arlington Street Zen Center

Tuesday, January 13th, 6:00 PM, in the Hunnewell Chapel

The Arlington Street Zen Center offers an opportunity for people to experience seated meditation, Buddhist teachings, and walking meditation (in the Public Garden), within a small group setting. The meditation session is followed by brief sharing or questions about the meditation experience. Individuals with all levels of meditation experience, including no experience, are welcome. Come try it out! New members almost always comment on the beauty of the Public Garden on a quiet night.

The Wednesdays: Shakespearean Tragedies

Wednesday, January 14th, 6:00 PM, in the Frothingham Library

Join us for The Wednesdays, Arlington Street's literary salon. Professor Alan Helms will be on hand to lead us through six of Shakespeare's tragedies. Any text will do, as long as it has numbered acts, scenes, and lines. We'll be reading the plays in what most people think is the chronological order of composition. The plays may be read online (see the links below).

January 14th: **HAMLET** <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hamlet>

January 21st: **OTHELLO** <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Othello>

January 28th: **KING LEAR** http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/King_Lear

February 4th: **MACBETH** <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Macbeth>

February 11th: **ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA**

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Antony_and_Cleopatra

On February 18th, we'll watch a DVD of one of the plays. All are welcome!

Coming Up...

Sunday, January 11th, 2008

- 9:30 AM Choir Warm-Up - Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM Social Action Committee - Archives Room
- 11:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 12:00 PM Coffee Hour - Parish Hall
- 12:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group - Clarke Room
- 12:30 PM Santuario Task Force - Stage Right Room
- 12:30 PM Jubilee - Archives Room
- 1:00 PM Spiritual Passions - Hunnewell Chapel
- 5:00 PM Global Poverty Study Group - Parish Hall

Monday, January 12th, 2008

- 6:00 PM Partakers - Perkins Room
- 7:00 PM *Gay Men's Spirituality Group - Hunnewell Chapel

Tuesday, January 13th, 2008

- 6:00 PM Buddha's Belly - Hunnewell Chapel
- 6:00 PM Finance Committee - Perkins Room
- 6:45 PM Children's Religious Education Committee - Clarke Room
- 7:00 PM Arlington Street Zen Center - Hunnewell Chapel

Wednesday, January 14th, 2008

- 3:00 PM *Staff Meeting - Perkins Room
- 6:00 PM Kundalini Yoga - Parish Hall
- 6:00 PM The Wednesdays Literary Salon - Frothingham Library
- 6:30 PM Environment and Energy Forum - Hunnewell Chapel

Thursday, January 15th, 2008

- 6:00 PM Path to Membership Class - Perkins Room
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Clarke Room

Friday, January 16th, 2008

- 5:00 PM Friday Night Supper Program - Parish Hall and Kitchen
- 7:00 PM Young Adults Group - Perkins Room

Saturday, January 17th, 2008

No congregation related events at this time

Sunday, January 18th, 2008

- 9:30 AM Choir Warm-Up - Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 12:00 PM Coffee Hour - Parish Hall
- 12:30 PM Church Council - Clarke Room
- 1:00 PM Spiritual Passions - Hunnewell Chapel

NOTE: This calendar is accurate as of noon the Wednesday before publication and only includes events directly related to the congregation. For complete, up-to-date calendar listings over the coming months, visit www.ASCBoston.org.

Deepen your relationship with Arlington Street Church and Unitarian Universalism, Winter 2009

Thursdays, January 15th and 22nd, 6:00 PM, in the Perkins Room,
or Sundays, February 8th, 12:30 PM, in the Parish Hall,
and Sunday, February 22nd, in the Frothingham Library

If you are a newcomer; if you are growing to know us and understand your journey within our spiritual community; if you have been with us for a while; if you have taken some classes and attended some of our events, if you want to be even more deeply engaged in your own spiritual journey—we invite you to attend an upcoming Path to Membership class. A class is being offered on Thursdays, January 15th and 22nd from 6:00 – 8:00 PM in the Perkins Room. A second class is planned for Sunday, February 8th from 12:30 – 4:30 PM, in the Parish Hall and Sunday, February 22nd from 12:30 – 3:30 PM, in the Frothingham Library.

The Path class is a great opportunity to meet others and share your spiritual story. You'll also get to know members, leaders, staff, and ministers from the congregation in an informal setting. Discussion topics include: Arlington Street's heritage and governance; UU heritage and faith; religious education; our current programs and ways to get involved; making a financial contribution to support our community, and answers to your questions. The class closes with a tour of the church and you can ring the church bells! For more information or to sign-up, visit the Welcome Table during Coffee Hour or contact Susan Thomas, director of communication and programs, by e-mail at SThomas@ASCBoston.org or by phone at 617-536-7050 x13.

Arlington Street Church Hosts A National Service Day Event

Monday, January 19th, beginning at 9:00 am, in the Kitchen and Parish Hall

Arlington Street Church is responding to President Elect Obama's call for a National Service Day by hosting the Boston Action Team, a high school youth volunteer group. The plan for the day is to assemble bagged meals for the homeless from 9:00 AM to noon at Arlington Street Church. The second part of the day's activity, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, will be distributing and serving the bag meals to the homeless population around the Boston Common and Back Bay areas.

We need volunteers to assemble the bagged meals and volunteers to help distribute the bagged meals. For those who would like to be a part of the day but may not be available, they may either sponsor the bagged meals by making a cash donation or donating items from the following food list:

snack bars	peanut butter	handi-wipes
mini chip bags	jam or jelly	brown paper bags
canned soda	sandwich bags	bottled water
sliced bread	napkins	

Please bring your donations to church next Sunday, January 18th, and place them in the collection boxes. Make checks out to Arlington Street Church with a notation for National Service Day. If you have any questions, please speak to Rob Cuddi or Susie Nacco or e-mail NewOrleans@ASCBoston.org.

Corporation Meeting and Congregational Conversation on Music

Sunday, January 25th, 12:30 PM, in the Sanctuary

A G E N D A [* means a vote is required]

- *I. Membership Update
- *II. Special Election of At-Large Jubilee Representative
- *III. Special Election of Treasurer
- *IV. Ordination of Dan Kane
- V. Finance Report
- VI. Prudential Committee Report
- VII. Congregational Conversation on Music
- VIII. Other Business

Santuario Work Shop on Workers' Rights

Saturday, January 31st, 11:00 AM, in the Parish Hall

Come hear stories about workers from Central America living in the Boston area. Some of the thirty workers who have not received pay for work they have done for local restaurants will be on hand to share their stories. There will also be a brief video presentation. To prepare for this event, all are invited to join in a planning meeting today at 12:30 PM, in the Stage Right Room. Contact Peter Lowber at Santuario@ASCBoston.org for more information.

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE PRESENTS ...

Spiritual Passions, 2009

Way back in the winter of 2003, I conducted a wedding late one Sunday afternoon and returned to the parish house to find it still buzzing with various conversations, hours after the morning worship service had concluded. In fact, there were still sixty people in the building! Right then and there, *Spiritual Passions* was born: an opportunity for members and friends of the Arlington Street community to offer and enjoy experiential workshops on their spiritual passions. Please plan to join us on Sundays from 1:00-3:00 p.m. (unless noted) for this winter's fantastic line-up! - Rev. Kim

Spiritual Passions: Connecting

Today, 1:00 PM in the Hunnewell Chapel

All are invited to participate in a *Connections* group session today, during a Spiritual Passion offered by interim assistant minister Dan Kane. If you are interested in participating in a *Connections* group and cannot participate today, please contact Dan at DKane@ASCBoston.org.

OTHER UPCOMING PASSIONS

CHECK INSIDE FOR MORE INFORMATION

Spiritual Passions: Green Sanctuary

Congregational Conversation

Sunday, January 18th, 1:00 PM, in the Hunnewell Chapel

Spiritual Passion: Corporation Meeting

Congregational Conversation about Music

Sunday, January 25th, 1:00 PM, in the Hunnewell Chapel

Spiritual Passion: Arlington Street Zen Center Retreat

Sunday, February 1st, 1:00 – 5:00 PM, in the Hunnewell Chapel

Periods of sitting, walking, and dharma talks (teachings from the Buddha) will be followed by dinner at a local Japanese restaurant (BYO\$). Come join like-hearted seekers to savor a quiet evening together. This 'passion' is led by Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie and members of Arlington Street Zen Center.

Spiritual Passion: Communal Singing, Choir Open House

Sunday, February 8th, 1:00 PM, in the Hunnewell Chapel

Arlington Street Church's director of music, Mark David Buckles, and the Arlington Street Choir welcome you an afternoon of communal music-making: the spiritual passion of singing! We believe that the act of singing together is a central and beautiful part of our spiritual practice as Unitarian Universalists. Will you join us? We will learn, briefly rehearse, and sing together an evocative selection of beautiful and interesting pieces, and offer answers to questions like "can I sing in choir if I can't read music, or if I've never sung in a choir before?" (yes), and "what do you do during rehearsal anyway?" Come prepared to share the music within you.

CONNECTIONS

small group ministry at arlington street church

Connections, the Small Group Ministry Program at Arlington Street Church, Begins Today

Connections groups consist of eight to ten people who meet regularly to engage in spiritual seeking, caring, intellectual exploration, community building, and living our values. Groups are led by trained facilitators, meet semi-monthly and occur in facilitator's homes or here at the church. The sessions follow a prescribed format and, by all accounts, are spiritually and intellectually rewarding. Connections groups are also a great way to make new friends at the church.

All are invited to participate in a Connections group session today, during a Spiritual Passion offered by interim assistant minister Dan Kane. If you are interested in participating in a Connections group and cannot participate today, please contact Dan at DKane@ASCBoston.org.

Suggestion Box

The staff and leadership of Arlington Street Church welcome your ideas, comments, and suggestions. If you have a thought to share about what works well or what could be improved, please send a message to Comments@ASCBoston.org or leave a note in the suggestion box outside the Church Office. Your message will be received by the Church's administrative assistant so it can find its way to the appropriate people. Please speak your "truths in love" and include your name and contact information so we can follow-up. Thanks! For emergencies, please see "[Our Caring Community](#)" to the right.

Inside Submission Guidelines

Please deliver all Sunday announcements before Tuesday at noon by e-mail to inside@ASCBoston.org. Announcements will not be accepted by telephone. Materials must be legible, signed, and fully composed and may be edited, as space is limited. Please note that we only publish submissions related to Arlington Street events or the wider Unitarian Universalist community.

Scheduling Events at Arlington Street Church

All issues dealing with building usage for both congregational usage and rentals, must be coordinated by Jeffrey Bouchard, facilities manager. Jeffrey is able to help you Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM. He can be reached by phone at 617-536-7050 ext. 14 or by e-mail at JBouchard@ASCBoston.org.

Our Caring Community

In the event of a disruption or major transition in the life of an Arlington Street member, please inform the church office. Our staff and ministers, will be in touch to lend support.

Security Note

This is an urban church. Please do not leave your valuables unattended! Also, please be attentive when exiting the church into the alley. When walking in the alley avoid being alone, carry a cell phone, walk in the center of the road, and pay attention!

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